

Indiana Brownfields Conference 2006

***“Bridging Economic Development and
Environmental Protection”***

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Indianapolis, Indiana**

Coastal Connections 2006 Land Use Roundtable

***Strategies for Linking Brownfield Redevelopment
and Green Space Protection in Northwest Indiana***

**Thursday, April 27, 2006
Indiana University Northwest**

Brownfields-Greenfields Roundtable Workplan

- **The Great Lakes Commission is continuing existing activities funded by U.S. EPA to organize and conduct a series of roundtables in the Great Lakes states**
- **Series goal is to inform and educated state and local officials and key stakeholders about policies and tools for linking brownfields redevelopment and greenfields protection**
- **Local Steering Committee guides projects activities and outcomes.**

Roundtable Series Applies Findings from A Basin-wide Research Project

- GLC “Bridges Report” – *Linking Brownfields Redevelopment and Greenfields Protection for Sustainable Development*
- Report included 32 “strategic actions” for revitalization
- Steering Committee combined and narrowed the list to 7 Strategic Actions for Northwest Indiana

Roundtable Work and Outcomes

- 1. Form Steering Committee**
- 2. Identify State/Region Specific Roundtable Goals and Objectives**
- 3. Develop Content for a One-Day Roundtable Event**
- 4. Identify Potential Roundtable Participants**
- 5. Identify Potential Advisory Group Members**
- 6. Organize and Conduct Policy Roundtable**
- 7. Produce and Distribute Roundtable Proceeding and Final Summary Report**

Event Format

1. Know the Issues, Know the Audience
2. Introduction to interactive Key-pad opinion polling
3. Issues Briefing
4. Introduction of 7 Strategic Actions
5. Strategic Actions : Case Studies
6. Progress to Date in Indiana
7. Workgroup Discussions on Implementing Strategic Actions
8. Electronic Voting Process
9. Evaluating Implementation Options
10. Participant Feedback
11. Reception and Networking

7 Strategic Actions to Address Brownfield and Greenfield Linkages in Northwest Indiana

- 1. Development of Local Comprehensive Plans (*State*)**
- 2. Consistency Between Zoning Ordinances and Comprehensive Plans (*State*)**
- 3. Sustainable Brownfield Redevelopment (*State*)**
- 4. Interagency Coordination for State-Funded Projects (*State*)**
- 5. Linking Brownfield Funding with Planning (*State*)**
- 6. Inventory Wildlife Habitat, Farmland, Cultural and Historical Resources (*Local*)**
- 7. Sustainable Small-Scale Infill Development (*Local*)**

1. Development of Local Comprehensive Plans

- **Encourage the development of local comprehensive plans and provide funding to support their development**
- **Funding should be contingent on plans that reflect designated areas of growth, promote urban revitalization, green space protection and transit/pedestrian oriented development**
- **Plans should enhance neighborhoods, reduce infrastructure, discourage sprawl, protect water resources**
- **Plans should be prepared through local interjurisdictional agreements or in corporation with other municipalities**

2. Consistency Between Zoning Ordinances and Comprehensive Plans

- **Zoning ordinances are a tool for implementing land use plans**
- **If used alone they result in unplanned low-density development that conforms to minimum building code requirements**
- **Zoning ordinances should not be used as development growth policies**

3. Sustainable Brownfield Redevelopment

- **States, in partnership with the private sector, can create or improve pollution prevention and green design initiatives for application to Brownfield redevelopment**
- **Sustainable Brownfield redevelopment ensures cooperative working policies**
- **Builders and Developers can provide leadership**

4. Interagency Coordination for State-Funded Projects

- **More efficient implementation of state programs**
- **More effective expenditure of state fund**
- **More consistent policies**
- **More coordinated goals and strategies**

5. Link Brownfields Funding to Planning

- **Brownfield clean-up and redevelopment funding can be linked to a strategic growth plan that has a strong urban revitalization and urban development component.**
- **Linking Brownfields funding to a comprehensive plan will serve the short and long term needs of the community**

7. Promote Sustainable Small Scale Infill Development

- **Fee incentives and permit expediting can be used to promote small scale infill development where other incentives such as tax forgiveness, site preparation, liability waivers, interest reductions, and job training are more difficult to obtain.**

6. Inventory Wildlife, Farmland, Cultural and Historical Resources

- **Proactive policies should be encouraged in areas along the urban fringe**
- **Inventories can aid in the planning process, the development of mitigation/protection measures, and allow for plan modification**

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